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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN NUCLEAR PROBLEM: SMITH VISIT

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1. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS IN REPLY TO FOURIE
ON TIMING FOR SMITH VISIT.

A. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES SAG'S READINESS TO RECEIVE SMITH.

B. HOWEVER, SMITH'S TRAVEL COMMITMENTS MENTIONED TO
FOURIE TAKE HIM OUT OF WASHINGTON FOR ENTIRE FIRST HALF
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OF JUNE THROUGH THE 14TH. TALKS IN SOUTH AFRICA DURING
JUNE 15-21 SUGGESTED BY FOURIE WOULD BE IMPRACTICAL.

C. WE SUGGEST SMITH VISIT JUNE 26-30. (FYI: THIS WILL
PERMIT A WEEK OF CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AFTER SMITH'S
RETURN FROM IAEA BOARD MEETING WEEK OF JUNE 5 AND NUCLEAR
TALKS IN BRAZIL WEEK OF JUNE 12. END FYI)

D. WE REALIZE PARLIAMENT RISES JUNE 23 AND PERIOD IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS MAY POSE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR

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FOURIE AND ROUX. IF FOURIE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE TALKS AFTER PERIOD FOLLOWING PARLIAMENT'S RISE, THAT WOULD ALSO BE SUITABLE. (FYI: WE UNDERSTAND SOUTH AFRICAN VACATION PERIOD RUNS APPROXIMATELY JUNE 23 - JULY 10. END FYI)

E. SUITABLE DATES AFTER JULY 10 WOULD BE WEEK OF JULY 10 OR JULY 17.

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